

July 16, 2007

The Aurelia City Council met in regular session on July 16, 2007. Mayor Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with roll call as follows:

Present: Henkel, Keith, Evans, Ballantyne, Lindgren, Bowen

Absent:

Also Present: Barb Messerole, Kurt Peterson, Carol Ballantyne, Anna Waddell, Jake Schutt

Mayor Bowen suggested we reverse item #5 and item #14.

Motion was made by Henkel to approve revised consent agenda, second by Keith. Roll call vote "aye" Evans, Henkel, Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne "nay" none. Motion carried.

Minutes of previous meetings  
Clerk/Treasurer & Investment Reports  
Bills Payable  
Police Report

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
General Funds	11,054.75	9,356.00
Special Revenue Fund	551.44	
Local Option Sales Tax	6,930.88	
Road Use Tax	7,680.12	4,315.36
Debt Service	602.14	
Expendable Trusts	10.06	2,140.00
Capital Project-Comm Center		5,069.82
Water Utility	11,733.31	2,453.18
Sewer Utility	9,680.08	5,723.55
Sanitation	5,052.43	5,301.42
Sewer Sinking	4,250.00	4,250.00
Storm Water Utility	465.00	
Improvement Reserve	2,084.00	2,084.00
Water Bond Sinking	1,727.87	22,461.87
Sewer Replacement Reserve		
Payroll		23,857.69

Bills Payable:

ACCO	chemicals	235.40
Aurelia Day Care	4 <sup>th</sup> qtr donation	500.00
Aurelia Lumber	paint, padlocks, UPS	337.70
Aurelia Mun. Utilities	June utilities	1,873.41
Aurelia Star	publications	385.94
B V Stationery	correction tape, envelopes	9.49
Baker & Taylor	Library Books	358.62
Cardmember Service	ad words, antivirus	312.61
Casey's	June fuel	266.51
Central Iowa Library	Library records	589.68
Cherokee Co. Solid Waste	contract	1,981.42

Chronicle Times	1 year subscription	82.00
EBSCO	Library subscriptions	944.14
First Coop	June fuel	425.14
IIMC	annual membership fee	140.00
Iowa Dept. Nat Resources	annual water supply fee	129.39
Iowa League of Cities	member fees	538.00
IPERS	wage entry	206.89
Iowa Workforce Dev.	2 <sup>nd</sup> qtr unemployment	641.59
Lake Electric	fuses for pool	73.68
Long Lines	June cell phones	87.13
MET	water/wastewater tests	390.00
Micromarketing	Library Books	132.44
MidAmerican Energy	June utilities	1,037.98
Nu-Telecom	June phone	355.57
Office Depot	garbage bags, paper towels	77.98
Perkins office Solutions	card sticks, time cards	69.87
Pleasant Hill Cemetery	maintenance of cemetery	3,200.00
Plunkett's	pest control	39.00
Postmaster	postage for bills	214.52
Sanitary Services	contract	2,970.00
SIMPCO	membership dues	1,259.00
State Library of IA	Library books	56.86
Swanson, Michelle	repair Library computer	30.00
Suhr, Gene	reimburse postage	4.60
Telrite	June long distance	69.73
Treasurer, St of IA	2 <sup>nd</sup> qtr sales tax	448.08
Vector	07-08 dues	2,147.63
Wal-Mart	coffee, movies	28.62
Woltman, Patricia	rent – 301 Main St.	350.00

Council discussed that vehicles need to slow down on Main Street and some vehicles are rolling through the stop sign. Mayor will talk with Officer Suhr.

Mayor noted that we came in \$28,396.44 under budget in the last fiscal year.

Carol Ballantyne appeared before Council concerning their quarterly donation from the City. The City has donated \$500/quarter for the last year; currently the Day Care's loan payment is \$600 per quarter. Mayor Bowen stated the Day Care is a huge asset to our community. Evans made motion to make donation of \$600/quarter and requested the Day Care come before the Council again next year, second by Henkel. Roll call vote "aye" Henkel, Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne, Evans "nay" none. Motion carried.

Jake Schutt appeared before the Council concerning a complaint the Mayor received from a business owner was not notified prior to his closing off the street July 6<sup>th</sup>, per the direction of the Council and the spot-a-pots were not placed in front of his business or removed in a timely manner. Because of these incidents, the City of Aurelia advised Jake that any future outdoor events will require written permission from neighboring

business owners. Council advised Messerole to draft an apology letter to this business owner.

Peterson reported to Council the fire hydrant at the end of Main Street will be replaced and there is a chance some customers would be without water for an hour or two. Messerole will call business owners and advise them. Black dirt down at park, but not yet seeded, cave by highway to be filled, recyclable and paper trailers have been moved, paint for streets not yet ordered, street sweeper pile by swimming pool has been moved, brush pile is high enough, new one will be started, weed spraying on streets has been done, fence and gate material down at old sewer plant, cement around horseshoe pit will be removed, curb and gutter work completed.

Council reviewed bid from Blacktop Services in the amount of \$41,503.61 which would include seven blocks of resurfacing. The Council did budget \$40,000 for streets. After further discussion, Lindgren made motion to accept bid from Blacktop Services in the amount of \$41,503.61 to pave all seven blocks, second by Keith. Roll call vote “aye” Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne, Evans, Henkel “nay” none. Motion carried.

Council advised Peterson that the storm sewer intake at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> & Willow Streets is broken something needs to be put down temporarily.

Council discussed Peterson’s overtime of 6 hours the last payroll, which amounts to 9 hours of comp time accrued already. Council advised that if Peterson works more than 8 hours in one day, take off early the next day. Work hours are typically to be 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. Council discussed the need for employee evaluations.

Lindgren made motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of ***Ordinance #658 “Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Aurelia, Iowa, By Changing the Zoning Classification at 301 N. Main Street, 305 N. Main Street, 309 N. Main Street from Residential to Commercial”***, second by Ballantyne. Roll call vote “aye” Lindgren, Ballantyne, Evans, Henkel, Keith “nay” none. Motion carried.

Lindgren made motion to waive second and third reading of ***Ordinance #658***, and approve ***Resolution #07-07 “Resolution Amending Chapter 50, of the Code of Ordinances, pertaining to the length of dense growth of all weeds, vines, brush or noxious growths of any kind in the City of Aurelia”***, second by Keith. Roll call vote “aye” Ballantyne, Evans, Henkel, Keith, Lindgren “nay” none. Motion carried.

Keith made motion to approve ***Resolution #07-09 “Resolution Amending Code of Ordinances by Changing the Zoning Classification at 301 N. Main Street, 305 N. Main Street, 309 N. Main Street from Residential to Commercial”*** and setting public hearing for Monday, August 13, 2007, second by Ballantyne. Roll call vote “aye” Evans, Henkel, Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne “nay” none. Motion carried.

Contractor Bids opened Thursday, June 14, 2007 were as follows:

Grundman-Hicks - \$1,071,680; H & H Builders, Inc. - \$910,000; Haselhoff Construction \$1,110,053; Midstates Builders - \$1,064,329. The Mayor and the Building Committee worked with H & H Builders and to get their bid awarded at \$757,313.03.

Mayor advised that Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am there will be a pre-construction meeting at the new community center site.

Mayor advised the Vision Iowa CAT Grant application review in Muscatine went very well and they will be going back August 8<sup>th</sup> to Des Moines for round two. Grant Board was impressed with the community support and they liked the geo thermal heat source.

If anyone wants a brick from the old Community Center they are to contact a Building Committee member such as Jeff Bowen, Dee Keith, Dar Evans, or Roger Redig. The Building Committee will supervise them and everyone needs to stay out of the interior.

Mayor discussed with Council the report Messerole will now give the Council which will reflect the City's checking account balance, and the balance of the Aurelia Foundation Account, and balances of Certificates of Deposit. All contributions and expenditures from the Aurelia Community Foundation account will be separate from the City's funds. All of the income and expenses of the new Community Center will be through the Aurelia Community Foundation Account. Anna Waddell stated she liked their use of the separate account for the foundation.

Discussion was held concerning the original five year contract with the Aurelia Little League dated July 19, 2005, in the amount of \$2,893.40. Contract stated the Little League pay the City \$1,000 the first year and \$500 per year. Keith made motion to void this original contract and therefore this is a total contribution of \$2,893.40 to the Aurelia Little League, second by Lindgren. Roll call vote "aye" Henkel, Keith, Lindgren, Ballantyne, Evans "nay" none. Motion carried.

Council advised Messerole to put the Mayor on the City's accounts to enable him to get account information.

City of Aurelia's current "Dangerous and Vicious Animals" Code, Chapter 57, was discussed. Waddell asked what the procedure is for a vicious animal in town. A written complaint must be filed with the Aurelia Police. Bowen requested Ballantyne, Henkel, and Lindgren review ordinance and tabled until next regular meeting on August 13, 2007.

Henkel gave the Council a Landfill Report. The landfill has not received all their bids for soil compaction. Project is moving forward.

Old Community Center is just about completely demolished. The brick and wooden debris has been separated and hauled away. Burn date is scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned

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Jeff Bowen, Mayor

Barb Messerole, City Clerk